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Title: COMBINATION OF LACTIC ACID BACTERIA AND ITS USE FOR THE  
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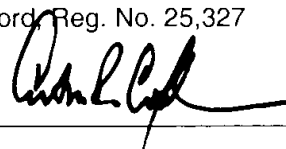
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**AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the Official Action dated December 17, 2003, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows: